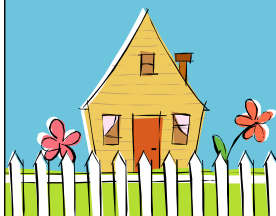


KELLY'S CRIME CORNER

July 2012 Issue 1



IN THIS ISSUE. . .

OC FAIR INFO
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
HOME SECURITY

HOME SWEET HOME!

It's OC Fair time! This year's theme is "Home Sweet Home" - and it's right here in our own backyards! The OC Fair will be in town from July 13th - August 12th, and is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

We all know that along with the fair comes a large increase in traffic volume on streets adjacent to the fairgrounds. This year, the OC Fair has several promotions that will certainly have an impact on attendance and traffic.

Senior Police Officer Jeff McCann, who oversees traffic control for the streets during the fair, offers these suggestions:

- Avoid Fairview Rd., Newport Blvd., and Fair Dr. if possible during peak hours of the fair, which are typically between 5pm-8pm daily. This is during the evening rush hour, and people are coming to the fair for the concerts and activities in the arenas.
- If you have to drive on Newport Blvd. or Fair Dr., stay in the left lane to avoid the traffic trying to enter the Fair.
- The Police Explorers will be manning the parking lot on the east side of City Hall on Saturdays and Sundays. Park in the lot to help support this great youth program.

HOW DO I GET TO TEWINKLE PARK AND THE BARK PARK?

During peak times, Arlington Dr. may be closed at Fairview Rd. If you are trying to get to TeWinkle Park, the Bark Park or the Volcom Skate Park, you will need to enter Arlington from the east side at Newport Blvd. The adjacent map shows some streets that you can take without impacting the neighborhoods.

The easiest route will be to travel north on Fairview Rd. from Fair Dr., continuing to Baker St., then turn right and go to Bristol St. Turn right on Bristol St., and then turn right onto Newport Blvd.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

On Tuesday, August 7th, residents in Costa Mesa are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 29th Annual National Night Out crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Costa Mesa Police Department, will involve over 15,325 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 371 million people are expected to participate in **'America's Night Out Against Crime'**.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and send a message to criminals letting them know that Costa Mesa residents are organized and fighting back!

This year's National Night event will be held from 5-9pm in the Target parking lot. Target is a national corporate sponsor for this event, and has awarded the police department with a \$1,000 grant to help support this event, along with donating raffle prizes and supplying volunteers to help make this event a success. The event will include police and fire displays, food, raffle prizes, a coloring contest for the kids, and plenty of information on how to keep your homes and neighborhoods safe.

Come join the police department in 'Giving Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party'!



HOME SECURITY

Over the past 2 months, Costa Mesa Police have arrested 5 individuals in connection with residential burglaries.

Many residential burglaries occur through open and unlocked doors and windows. By following the safety tips below, you can help us to prevent any more burglaries:

- Always lock your doors and windows, even when leaving for "just a minute"
- Never leave a house key available: under a doormat, in a flower pot, on the ledge of a door. These are first places a burglar will look
- Exterior doors should have dead bolt locks with a 1 inch strong metal bar extending into the door frame
- Sliding doors and windows should all have "ventilation" locks as well as auxiliary locks

to bolster security

- Be sure to include good locks for garage, patio or other doors that lead out through storage areas or a spare room
- Whenever you move to a new home, have the locks changed
- Be a good neighbor! Help the Police Department by being the "eyes and ears" in your neighborhood and report any suspicious activity!



Costa Mesa Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit
kvucinic@costamesa.gov

We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.costamesapd.org